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The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are being called to the attention of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references can be found in Application No. 08/994,838, filed December 19, 1997—references A1-A4 were Exhibits 1-4 attached to an Amendment dated 1/24/00 (Attorney Docket No. 02307E-080700US). It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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